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CHEAPENING THE COST.

A new element in the direct trading plan of cheapening the cost of living has been injected by the Swift Packing company refusing to sell to companies operating commissary departments. This was the experience of the Nevada Consolidated Copper company which is under contract to its employees to furnish foodstuffs and general commodities at actual cost plus a small charge to cover overhead expenses. An order was placed with the Swift company, which has been assigned the Nevada territory by the combination of packers now under investigation by several grand juries. The packers explained their refusal by saying they could not sell direct to consumers and therefore could not deliver their goods to a company acting as a medium for delivery. What action the Ely Copper company will take is a matter of conjecture, but it is clear that a corporation backed by the wealth of the Guggenheims will not be silenced by the action of the Swift concern. The refusal is clearly an evasion of the law and one which will not do to discuss in detail for that would bring to the surface the whole nefarious system by which the leading packing houses manage to control markets and maintain prices. To test the case in court would merely prolong the agony for the process of the law is slow and devious and would require the better part of a lifetime to thresh out to a legal conclusion. A better way probably will be found by the mining company placing its orders with some of the small independent packers who are not subject to the domination of the trust companies. There are enough of these remaining in the western country to furnish the staple of the day in meats and canned goods and the orders emanating from a concern employing several thousand people would be an incentive for making concessions which eventually would bring the trust to time. The packers are treading on dangerous ground when they essay the feat of refusing to deliver their products and ventilation of the subject would prove that they are operating in restraint of trade. The question involved is one that is of vital importance to the workers of Tonopah who are halting at the initial stage of co-operative trading. If the Swift company can justify its attitude in this respect other manufacturers and jobbers can make the same excuse and by concerted action defeat the movement to break down the high cost of living and establish the necessities of life on a reasonable basis. It should be borne in mind that the western agency of the Swift company operating in Nevada with Reno for its distributing center has already been offered to appear in the federal court to answer the charge of engaging in an illicit combination to establish fictitious prices and the refusal of the Swift company will furnish the prosecutor with all the evidence needed to secure a conviction. The people are not in any temper at this time to mine words with the packers or any other corporation whose greed strikes at the home by enforcing artificial values. Here is a chance for the attorney general of Nevada to do something substantial for the wage-earners of Nevada and it remains to be seen if the governor will be as quick to act as when he intruded his presence in the Tonopah strike without any solicitation from either side.

TRANSMUTING BASE METAL.

The statement that one of the leading physicists in Europe has discovered the secret of transmuting base metals to precious tokens recognized as money metals will excite considerable interest from the debt laden countries of Europe which were deprived by war of their gold reserves. The discovery may be true, but it is most likely a long drawn deduction of no financial or commercial value. The same claim has been made before without bringing any tangible results and the world is forced to rely on the miner for gold and silver in the good old fashioned way of digging and blasting. It is not so long ago that another genius operating from Denver headquarters declared he was going to revolutionize the world's finances by taking any old junk pile and converting it into the metal which represents the world's highest monetary standard. He erected a laboratory on the outskirts of the city where he began his incantations to exorcise base metals and bring them out of the retort in glittering masses which, he said, would stand the acid test. This magician did produce bars of gold which satisfied some of the best minds of the metallurgical world. It was proven later that the bars were double eagles melted up. These experiments were the forerunner of a stock selling scheme in which some of the most learned men of Denver invested thousands of dollars with the assurance that they would realize quickly on their investments by seeing tons of gold taken from the furnace. Several small lots of gold were shown as the alleged product of what was known as the Wynn process and the stock selling received an impetus that brought real gold to the treasury of the so-called inventor. The gold that was paid for stock in the company must have had some refractory element for Professor Wynn failed to multiply the deposits and finally the sheriff was called in to take possession of the plant, which proved to be nothing better than another form of the Kelsey perpetual motion scheme. One of the leading members of the Colorado bar, whose legal attainments brought him the highest fees of his profession, was one of the dupes who was so infatuated with the pretensions of the alchemist that he always insisted that a vast injustice was done when the police broke up the game and closed the business.

Transmutation has been a dream of thousands of years but it has never altered the cold fact that the near gold has never been accepted over the banking counter as a substitute for the reality any more than carbonized gems have banished the genuine diamond.

MINING COAL IN NEVADA.

It is a pleasure for the Bonanza to register its satisfaction at the prompt appeal of a few public spirited citizens to the effort to add coal mining to the established industries of the state. A good beginning was made yesterday when 20,000 shares were sold in the course of an hour through the efforts of an individual who assumed the responsibility for circulating a subscription paper. This is doing very well and warrants the belief that a thorough canvass would be fruitful in placing enough more of the stock

to enable the Darns Coal Mining company to carry out its plan for development. An investment of this kind is a step in the right direction for it gives the buyer an interest in a company that should pay dividends without waiting for another winter to menace the state with fuel famine. Assuming that the coal strike is terminated today, that does not imply that there will be any lessening of the scourge which has prostrated manufacturing and commerce from the Atlantic to the shores of Hudson Bay. With every mine in America operating to full capacity it would be impossible to bring the coal supply back to normal in less than a year. For the next three months every pound of coal mined will be consumed as fast as it can be delivered and when the heating demand declines with the coming of warm weather, domestic coal bins and shipping bunkers will be as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard and the hot summer months will not be long enough to accumulate any reserves for the following winter. Coal subscriptions in Nevada should be taken up as a public spirited movement and every effort put forth to the end that next winter will find Nevada independent of outside mines and in possession of a mine that will be one of the best assets of a prosperous state.

COOPERATION IN FLYING CONTROL

(Correspondence Associated Press)

LONDON, Nov. 24.—Major General Sir F. H. Sykes, British controller general of civil aviation, hopes to arrange for complete co-operation between Great Britain and the United States in all matters relating to flying. This is the purpose of his journey to America, on which he expects soon to leave.

The American ambassador, John W. Davis, told General Sykes at a farewell luncheon to the British controller that he thought American co-operation might be taken as assured.

General Sykes said that the international air convention, based in the main on regulations for air navigation in Great Britain, now had received the assent of all the powers allied and associated in the war except the United States and Japan.

"The national tendency in aircraft development in Britain," said General Sykes, "is to allow individual enterprise to work out its own salvation in the main and no scheme of government subsidies such as that in France has, so far, been adopted."

But he pointed out that that did not mean that the government will spend nothing to promote enterprise. "With a view to stimulating the efforts of designers and manufacturers of heavier-than-air craft and to aiding them toward the attainment of greater security and reliability," he continued, "an official competition has been instituted which is to be held next year. The prizes offered amount to \$320,000. The rules of the competition are framed to encourage those attributes which are re-

quired in the future.

"Prizes will be given first for the small type of airplane required for business, pleasure and sport flying in the British Isles; secondly, for the large weight-carrying machine which experience suggests will be necessary to meet the conditions of trans-continental traffic; and, thirdly, for a type of amphibious flying boat, which, in view of its power to alight on and rise from land or water, cannot fail to find many uses."

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SUMMONS

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L. E. GLASS, Clerk
(Court Seal) M. J. SCANLAN,
Plaintiff's Attorney
Date of first publication Nov. 14, 1919

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COST OF BATTLESHIP.

(Correspondence Associated Press)

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Water not to be returned to stream. Signed: J. C. SCRUGHAM, State Engineer. Date of first publication Nov. 14, 1919. Date of last publication Dec. 10, 1919. N19, 25—D2, 9, 16.

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